

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE **STATEMENT** PTO-1449

Atty. Docket No. 031009

Serial No. 10/604,826

Applicant: Hideki KITAO et al.

Filing Date: August 20, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1745

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examine Initial		Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
Militial					<del> </del>		
AE	AA	5,352,548	Fujimoto et al.	10/04/1994	429	197	06/30/1993
AE	AB	5,626,981	Simon et al.	05/06/1997	429	105	04/21/1995
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
AE	AF	P3024636	01/21/2000	Japan	Yes (Abstract of its non-examined patent publication No. 2000-077071)
	AG				
	AH				
	AI				
	AJ				

## **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

	AK				
	AL				
Examiner		/Alix Echelmeyer/	Date Considered	05/08/2006	**.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lof 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information untess it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 1

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known				
Application Number	10/604,826			
Filing Date	August 20, 2003			
First Named Inventor	Hideki KITAO et al.			
Art Unit	1745			
Examiner Name	WALKER, KEITH D			
Attorney Docket Number	031009			

Examiner	Cite	Document Number	U. S. PATENT Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where	
Initials*	Cite No.1		MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (# known)</sup>			Figures Appear	
AE	1	<sup>US-</sup> 6,482,550	11-19-2002	Imachi et al.		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		U\$-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		US				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		ÚS-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages		
TIULIAIS	140.	Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (# known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T	
	ļ				<del>                                     </del>	╫	
	<u> </u>				<del></del>	╄━	
						╄	
	T			1		L	

Examiner /Alix Echelmeyer/	Date Considered	05/08/2006

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbobs as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.